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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S TRADE CONSULTATIONS.

REF: (A) STATE 106679; (B) STATE 111388

1. I MET WITH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ERROL MAHABIR ON JUNE 11 TO PRESENT HIM WITH A COPY OF AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S MEMORANDUM ON TRADE CONSULTATIONS HELD APRIL 27 IN BARBADOS (REF B), AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF GOTT'S LIST OF PRIORITY PRODUCTS (REF A). MAHABIR SAID THAT TRINIDAD'S REPRESENTATIVES AT EBERLE CONSULTATIONS HAD REPORTED FULLY TO HIM, AND THAT HE FELT THAT SESSION HAD BEEN VALUABLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE LIST OF PRIORITY PRODUCTS FOR GSP CONSIDERATION WAS UNDER PREPARATION, AND HE PLEDGED THAT IT WOULD BE PRESENTED TO USG BY THE JUNE 30 DEADLINE.

2. EMBASSY ALSO PRESENTED COPY OF THE EBERLE MEMORANDUM TO THE THREE OFFICIALS WHO REPRESENTED TRINIDAD AT THE BRIDGETOWN MEETING, TO PERMANENT SECRETARY, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
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AND THE CHIEF EXPORT PROMOTION OFFICER. SOME CONFUSION

APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CREATED BY WORDING OF "MINIMUM OF 35 AND MAXIMUM OF 50 PERCENT" STIPULATION IN TRA RE. VALUE ADDED REQUIREMENT FOR PRODUCTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GSP TREATMENT. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT INTENT OF THIS PROVISION IS TO DETERMINE RANGE IN WHICH A SINGLE PERCENTAGE FIGURE WILL LATER BE FIXED AS THE MINIMUM VALUE ADDED REQUIRED, AND THAT THERE IS NO INTENT TO SPECIFY A MAXIMUM VALUE ADDED, WHICH APPARENTLY WAS A MISCONCEPTION WHICH HAD ARISEN HERE. (DEPT. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS CLARIFICATION IS INCORRECT.)

3. WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS CONFIRM THAT GOTT IS INDEED PREPARING A LIST OF PRIORITY PRODUCTS, WHICH IS AN UPDATE AND REVISION OF LIST APPARENTLY SUBMITTED TO USG SOME TIME AGO (SEE POS 716- COPIES OF THIS EARLIER LIST WERE POUCHED TO ARA/CAR AND ARA/ECP IN APRIL 1974.). OFFICIALS STATED THAT GOTT'S NEW LIST WILL BE SENT TO CARICOM SECRETARIAT IN GEORGETOWN FOR JOINT PRESENTATION TO USG, ALTHOUGH IT IS UNCERTAIN IF THIS INVOLVES JOINT PRESENTATION OF A SINGLE LIST, OR SIMPLY A UNIFIED SUBMISSION OF FOUR INDIVIDUAL LISTS. EMBASSY WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF GOTT'S LIST AND SEND IT SEPARATELY TO DEPT., BUT AVAILABILITY MAY BE RESTRICTED IF GOVERNMENTS DECIDE TO CONSULT TOGETHER ON A CARICOM BASIS BEFORE SUBMITTING FINAL LIST.  
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